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Whitehall, Feb. 26.

HER Majeſty has been graciouſly pleas'd to Sign a Commiſſion, appointing his Grace the Duke of Ormond Captain-General of all and ſingular Her Majeſty's Forces, rais'd or to be rais'd and employ'd in Her Service within the Kingdom of Great Britain, or which are or ſhall be employ'd Abroad, in Conjunction with the Troops of Her Allies.

St. James's, February 25. This Evening Count Sanſeverini, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Parma, had a private Audience of Leave of Her Majeſty; to which he was introduc'd by the Right Honorable the Earl of Dartmouth, One of Her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrel, Maſter of the Ceremonies

The ſame Evening Monſieur Van Porſele, Envoy Extraordinary from Holland, had his firſt private Audience of Her Majeſty; to which he was introduced by the Right Honorable Henry St John, Eſq. One of Her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrel, Maſter of the Ceremonies.

Milan, Feb. 14. *N. S.* This Day the Chevalier Antenori, in the Name of his Maſter the Great Duke of Tuſcany, took the Oath of Fidelity to the Emperor, which was adminiſtred to him, with the requiſite Formalities, by the General Colmenero, Envoy of his Imperial Majeſty; by which means the Grand Duke has obtain'd the Inveſtiture of Piſa and Sienna, that are Feofs of the Empire. The Badneſs of the Roads, and the Sharpneſs of the Seaſon, have hindred the March of the Imperial Troops out of Tuſcany. Abraham Stanyan, Eſquire, the Queen of Great Britain's Plenipotentiary, together with Monſieur Vander-Meer, Plenipotentiary of the States-General, for arbitrating and determining ſeveral Differences between the Emperor and the Duke of Savoy, do ſtill continue their Conferences with the Miniſters of his Imperial Majeſty and his Royal Highneſs, but an Equivalent for the Vigevano is not as yet agreed upon.

Dreſden, Feb. 16. *N. S.* Letters from Caminieck of the Twelfth of January, N. S. affirm, That the Port has actually declar'd War againſt the Muſcovites; and that open Hoſtilities have been mutually committed, a Body of Tartars being already arriv'd in the Neighbourhood of Aſoph, where they pretend to hinder the carrying in of more Proviſions, and to deprive that Fortreſs of further Intelligence with his Czariſh Majeſty. By the laſt Accounts from Pillaw, ſituated in the Gulf of Dantzick, ſeveral Muſcovite Ships were come in there with Mortars, Bombs and Ammunition, that they had been freighted with, by Order of the Czar, at Riga, but it is not known as yet for what Enterprize thoſe Warlike Stores may be deſign'd. The King of Poland has wrote a preſſing Letter to his Czariſh Majeſty, and to the Prince Dolhoruki, the Czariſh General in Pruſſia, to withdraw the Muſcovite Troops out of the Territories of the City of Dantzick, declaring, that he had taken them under his Royal Protection.

Douay, March 4. *N. S.* Upon Advice that the Enemy had laid up great Stores of Hay at Arras, the Earl of Albemarl march'd with a Body of Troops on the Firſt inſtant, at Three in the Afternoon, towards that Place: and the Second, at Eight in the Morning, the Troops having been all the Night before at work in making the neceſſary Diſpoſitions, arriv'd before it, undiſcover'd by the Enemy, being favour'd by a Fog: but the French having at laſt had notice of our Approach, thought we came to Beſiege them, and thereupon ſet their Suburbs on Fire, and made a Sally upon our Men, who repuls'd them vigorouſly to the Paliſadoes; in which Action Monſieur de Bellecente, a Colonel of Dragoons, and Nephew to the Duke of Lauzun, was taken Priſoner, with ſome other Officers. All things being ready, the Second at Eight in the Evening, we began to fire with our Hawitzers, Mortars, and Cannon, upon the Town, and in ſix Hours time, we perceived that a Fire began in one of their Magazines, and encreaſed to that degree, that at Four in the Morning the Town ſeem'd to be all in Flames: We continu'd before the Place till Nine, when we retir'd in good Order towards Douay, where we arrived the ſame Evening, very well ſatisfied with the Succeſs of our Undertaking.

Liſle, March 4. *N. S.* The Troops that were employ'd in the late Expedition, are expected here this Day: We have receiv'd certain Advice, that they have not only burnt all the Magazines of Hay at Arras, but have likewiſe carry'd off Hoſtages for a conſiderable Sum of Mony, which the Town have agreed to pay, to ſave themſelves from a Bombardment.

Falmouth, February 23. Yeſterday ſail'd the Ducheſs, Heroing and Beak Gallies, of and from London, with the Betty Frigat, of and from Briſtol; and the Flying Mercury of this Place; all laden with Pilchards for the Streights. Came in ſince, Her Majeſty's Ships Loo and Briſtol, with four Coaſters from Plymouth.

Dartmouth, February 24. Her Majeſty's Ships Milford and Delight, are now in Torbay, the one bound to Milford with Stores, the other to the Eaſtward. This Day Sail'd hence the Sorlings, for the Weſtward Iſlands, with Corn, Fiſh, &c. Came in here a Dutch Dogger, laden with Fruit for Zurichſea in Holland, from Viana.

It being Her Majeſty's Royal Intention to Touch for the Evil on Wedneſday the Nineteenth of March next, and ſo to continue Weekly during Lent; It is Her Majeſty's Command, that Tickets ſhall be deliver'd the Day before, at the Office in Whitehall; and, that all Perſons ſhall bring a Certificate, ſign'd by the Miniſter and Churchwardens of their reſpective Pariſhes, that they never have receiv'd the Royal Touch.

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